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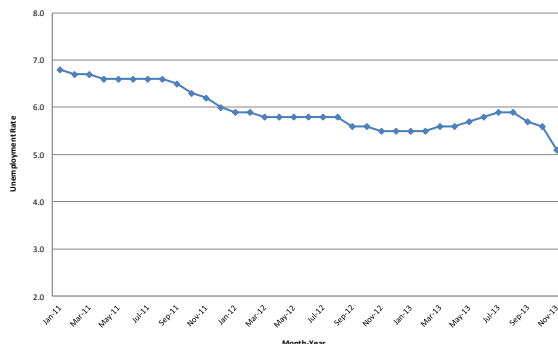
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Labor Market Report November 2013

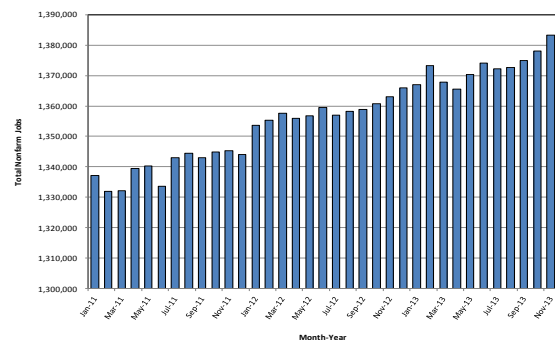
TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Labor reported the November seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1 percent, down from 5.6 percent in October and down from 5.5 percent in November 2012.

Kansas gained 20,000 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs since November 2012 and 20,100 nonfarm jobs, a 1.5 percent increase. Since last month, Kansas grew by 5,200 nonfarm jobs, a 0.4 percent change, and the private sector increased by 4,100 or 0.4 percent.

**Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)
Kansas
January 2011 to November 2013**



**Kansas Nonfarm Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)
Kansas
January 2011 to November 2013**



“The Kansas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has fallen to 5.1 percent in November,” said Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor. “The state has not experienced unemployment this low since December 2008. This month’s labor data is a sign that the Kansas’ economy is moving in the right direction. “

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4 percent, down from 5.1 percent in October and down from 5.2 percent in November 2012.

Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 19,900 in both private sector and nonfarm jobs since November 2012. Since October, Kansas gained 5,600 nonfarm jobs, a 0.4 percent increase, and the private sector increased by 4,000 or 0.4 percent.

Seven of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported improvements over-the-month. Increases were greatest in trade, transportation and utilities, which added 4,700 jobs with the largest increase in retail trade. Government gained 1,600, with the largest gain in local government, and professional and business services grew by 1,300.

Four major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These were greatest in leisure and hospitality, down 2,200 jobs primarily in arts, entertainment and recreation. Construction lost 1,200, and mining and logging along with education and health services, both decreased by 100 jobs.

Ten of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported growth over the last 12 months. Gains were greatest in professional and business services, adding 7,200 jobs. Financial activities increased by 3,000 with the majority of the increase in finance and insurance. Trade, transportation and utilities had an increase of 2,800 jobs spread throughout the sector.

Overall, government jobs showed no change from one year ago.

“The preliminary November estimates show a marked improvement over-the-month as individuals have moved from unemployment into employment,” said Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist.

There were 12,914 initial claims for unemployment benefits in November 2013, down from 13,489 initial claims in October 2013 and down from 15,006 one year ago. There were 89,654 continued claims in November 2013, down from 93,184 the previous month and from 121,989 in November 2012. These numbers include all available programs.

Kansas labor market information for November is available [here](#).

Additional information on procedures for producing Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#).

The December Labor Report will be released on Monday, Jan. 27.

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Secretary Lana Gordon and Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist, are available online courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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